

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Erik Swanson on 1/21/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 25, lines 13-14, delete "so as to determine a respective quality of the first data and the second data".

Claim 25, line 15, change "the respective" to -- a respective--.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention comprises a method for time synchronization of a plurality of measuring computers over a telecommunications network, the method comprising: providing a plurality of time sources of different accuracies, selecting a time source based on its accuracy, transmitting measurement packets between a two measuring computers, generating data associated with send and receive time stamps and assigning the generated data to a predetermined evaluation. The closest prior art, Lemieux (US 6,256,507), Read et al. (US 6,236,623), and Berthaud (US 6,157,957), disclose a similar system that transmit timing information between mobile switching centers and base

stations, each equipped with a variety of timing sources (GPS Rx, LCM, a clock distribution), that using time stamping to determine timing reference information by calculating local times from the time stamps recorded and contained in polling messages sent between master and slave units. However, the closest prior art fails to disclose the step of stopping the evaluation of the first and second data when a respective quality of the first and second data falls below a predetermined level. This limitation distinguishes the claims over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID HUANG whose telephone number is (571)270-1798. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shuwang Liu can be reached on (571) 272-3036. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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